



MEDIA UPDATE

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MEC MCHUNU SHOCKED TO HEAR THE FIVE VICTIMS ARE SIBLINGS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has learnt with great shock that the five victims from the Phongola accident were siblings.

The MEC learnt this later yesterday (4th October 2011) after he met with the families at the Phongola police station. The five victims died on Monday (3 October 2011) evening when the Nissan Sentra they were traveling in, collided with a truck on the N2 near Phongola.

The MEC sent his condolences to the Dlamini family

“I am sick and tired of these gruesome accidents. I want to appeal to anyone with a solution to come forth. This is a crisis which we must all confront. Losing young people between the age of 13 and 21 is disastrous. As a parent and a leader I can feel the pain the Dlamini family is feeling. This is indeed a loss to the province of KZN and South Africa as a nation. When we launched our Road safety plan on the 29th September 2011 we declared N2 Phongola as one of the hazardous spots in the country. The newly launched Red Spot team will work day and night around the Phongola area to make sure we prevent such accidents in the future”, said Mchunu.

The Department of Transport and the Road Accident Fund will assist in the burial of the victims.

Names of the deceased:

Nontobeko Dlamini 24 female

Sphephelo Dlamini	13 male
Siphokuhle Dlamini	19 male
Ntokozo Dlamini	24 male
Sibusiso Dlamini	(age unknown) male

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